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Comments: I support placing all transmission lines underground. The upfront costs will undoubtedly be high, and residents will need to have realistic expectations. The savings and benefits that I anticipate are as follows: reduction or elimination of the costs of Asplund tree trimmers (or I should say tree hackers), reduction of the emergency repair costs that inevitably follow wind and ice storms, and reduction of costs to individual homeowners associated with power outages (spoiled food, hotel costs, etc.) With transmission lines underground, trees can be permitted to obtain their natural shape, as opposed to the scoured out look they often take on when utility companies do their work. When telephone poles are eliminated, sidewalks will have fewer obstacles, permitting pedestrians increased enjoyment when walking. These results would represent tangible benefits to the community, and should be quantified as part of an overall assessment.